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Title:               CLOSURE FOR PASSAGE SLIT FOR A         )  
                          HAEMOSTATIC VALVE ASSEMBLY         )  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2008, please consider the following amendments in relation to the above-identified patent application:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.